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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL ONSUAREZ TRIP TO DENMARK,
NETHERLANDS, FRANCE AND ITALY

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1. AT LUNCH WITH THE CHARGE SEPT 9, FONMIN OREJA'S CHIEF
OF CABINET (JAVIER RUPEREZ) SAID THE RECENT VISIT TO DENMARK,
THE NETHERLANDS, FRANCE AND ITALY OF PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ
(IN WHICH RUPEREZ PARTICIPATED) HAD GONE VERY WELL, AND
HAD ACHIEVED ITS OBJECTIVES OF ESTABLISHING (OR, AS THE
CASE MIGHT BE, DEEPENING) PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND
ENSURING THAT IN THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING SEPT 20,
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THE DECISION WOULD BE TO REFER THE SPANISH APPLICATION
FOR EC MEMBERSHIP TO THE COMMISSION AND ASK IT FOR A
REPORT. IN LINE WITH PREVIOUS INFORMATION ON THE POINT,
RUPEREZ ANTICIPATED THAT THE COMMISSION REPORT WOULD BE
READY FOR THE COUNCIL AFTER THE FRENCH ELECTIONS NEXT
SPRING, AFTER WHICH THE COMMISSION WOULD PREPARE NEGOTIATING
INSTRUCTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE READY THE FOLLOWING AUTUMN.

NEGOTIATIONS COULD TAKE A COUPLE OF YEARS, AND FOLLOWING THEIR SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION SPAIN WOULD JOIN THE COMMUNITY AND BEGIN A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD OF ACCESSION WHICH COULD LAST 3-5 YEARS.

2. ACCORDING TO RUPEREZ, THE ATMOSPHERE HAD BEEN POSITIVE THROUGHOUT THE TRIP. WHILE THE FRENCH, AS EXPECTED, HAD MADE CLEAR THAT THE EC ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE TOUGH ONES, THE MEETINGS IN PARIS, INCLUDING THE TETE-A-TETE BETWEEN SUAREZ AND GISCARD, HAD BEEN PERFECTLY CORDIAL.

3. THE ITALIANS HAD ALSO MADE CLEAR THE POSSIBILITY OF DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS, BUT THE IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE IN THE ITALIAN CASE WAS CONSIDERABLE ITALIAN RESENTMENT OVER THE ADVANTAGES ENJOYED WITHIN THE EC BY NORTHERN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. HE QUOTED THE ITALIAN AGRICULTURAL MINISTER AS TELLING HIM BITTERLY THAT WHILE ITALY (AND OTHERS) WERE FORCED TO CONSUME PROTECTED, HIGH-PRICED NORTHERN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE, GERMANY HAD RECENTLY CONCLUDED A "GIGANTIC" PURCHASE OF CALIFORNIA ORANGE JUICE. WITH SPAIN OR WITHOUT HER, RUPEREZ SAID THE ITALIANS HAD SIGNALLED THEIR PARTNERS, EC AGRICULTURAL POLICY HAD TO CHANGE.

4. COMMENTING ON THE UNENTHUSIASTIC PRESS REACTION IN SPAIN TO THE TRIP, RUPEREZ ATTRIBUTED THIS TO INTERNAL SNIPING AT SUAREZ AND TO THE ANTI-EC BIAS OF ONE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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PRINCIPAL CORRESPONDENTS ON THE TRIP. EATON

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